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In the first quarter of 1954, a total of 307 tractors and 85 engines were manufactured at the IFA tractor plant at Brandenburg. Production at the plant did not meet with any difficulties.

Comment. According to previous information furnished by the same source, the 1954 production target of the tractor plant was increased from 1,300 to 1,355 tractors. The 1953 production target was 1,722 tractors. It is believed that a total of about 1,770 were actually manufactured in 1953. The Brandenburg tractor plant manufactures caterpillar tractors of type K5-C7/62. It is believed that the plant has a monthly capacity of 180 to 200 tractors. The production figures mentioned in the present report indicate that the plant does not work to capacity. Since source of the present report stated that production at the plant did not meet with any difficulties it is believed that the relatively low output is caused by a shortage of orders. This agrees with information that the Brandenburg tractor plant was making efforts to obtain export orders and that it has manufactured, since late January 1954, sizable quantities of commodities like bath stoves and canoes.

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